Will the Misses Ball receive ~~the~~ assurance of my sincere regret at the painful position ~~Scenes they~~ they were placed in ~~felt, occasioned~~ by the wrong course of my friend Mrs Southwick, in ~~making~~ ~~[illegible]~~ inviting them to my house as abolitionists, for I have no hesitation in saying that I consider them at present as not occupying the position of friends ~~of the~~ the cause. ~~Of course I felt~~ ~~bound it~~ my ~~only course to~~ sense of duty & consistency alike constrained me ~~both to be true to~~ ~~[illegible]~~

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~~of Duty & Consistency~~ to rebuke my friend Mrs Southwick for her ~~ill-judged~~ wrong ~~in~~ course in this thing & I have also told her that It was wrong in my opinion in her to make you suffer by communicating that rebuke, which concerned only her, to you. ~~It was her~~ I am glad that you accepted my invitation to return to the room after you left it for ~~because it~~ ~~as a [illegible]~~ it seemed to me ~~that~~ your principles that I would not on any account give you or any one else unnecessary pain.

With ~~best~~ entire good will I am yours faithfully

M.W. Chapman.

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